

Participant Information Sheet

Manchester Voices – The Accent Van

We would like to invite you to take part in this research project exploring the accents, dialects, and identities of people within Greater Manchester.

Why have I been invited?

You have been invited to take part because you live in, or you are from, Greater Manchester. We expect to speak to around 200 people in total.

Do I have to take part?

It is up to you to decide. We will describe the study and go through the information sheet, which we will give to you. We will then ask you to sign a consent form to show you agreed to take part. If you are under 16, we will also need consent from a parent or adult representative. You are free to withdraw at any time, without giving a reason.

What will I be asked to do?

You will be asked a series of questions about where you are from, how you speak, and how you feel about your accent. You should feel free to respond in your own time and simply tap the screen when you're ready for the next question. The conversation will be audio-recorded. Depending on how much you have to say, the interview should last between 10 and 20 minutes. When you have finished, you will be asked to click a button to submit your recording to us.

You are free to stop the interview at any time, simply by leaving the site. You can also withdraw your data any time after your interview, without giving any reason, by contacting the researchers using the email addresses given below and stating your name.

We will analyse the recording in two ways: 1) to help us describe the different accents of the region; 2) to help us understand people's feelings towards the way they, and other people in the region, speak. We will use the analysis in academic publications.

We would also like to be able to use edited and anonymised versions of the recording in our planned exhibitions and films, celebrating the language diversity of the region. These will be publicly available in an audio-visual archive at Manchester Central Library, the Manchester Poetry Library, and online. We will ask for your permission to do this.

Finally, we would like to be able to archive the recordings for future linguistic research. The archived data will be fully anonymised, and will be available to other researchers on request. Again, we will ask for your permission to do this.

Are there any risks if I participate?

No.

Are there any advantages if I participate?

There is no payment for taking part. However, this type of research plays an important and positive role in increasing awareness of, and celebrating, linguistic diversity.

What will happen with the data I provide?

The Manchester Metropolitan University ('the University') is the Data Controller in respect of this research and any personal data that you provide as a research participant.

The University is registered with the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO), and manages personal data in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and the University's Data Protection Policy.

We will not share your personal data collected in this form with any third parties.

We will only retain your personal data for as long as is necessary to achieve the research purpose. Any personal data will be kept securely, in line with the university's rigorous data storage and privacy policy. Data will be anonymised by the research team. No names will be used unless explicitly agreed by you, the participant, and any personal information about other people not in the interview will be removed. If names for participants are needed in the writing up of the research, pseudonyms will be allocated.

For further information about use of your personal data and your data protection rights please see the University's Data Protection Pages (<https://www2.mmu.ac.uk/data-protection/>).

Who do I contact if I have concerns about this study or I wish to complain?

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Ethics: Professor Susan Baines, Geoffrey Manton Building GM313, Manchester Metropolitan University, 0161 2472511, S.Baines@mmu.ac.uk.

If you have any concerns regarding the personal data collected from you, our Data Protection Officer can be contacted using the legal@mmu.ac.uk e-mail address, by calling 0161 247 3331 or in writing to: Data Protection Officer, Legal Services, All Saints Building, Manchester Metropolitan University, Manchester, M15 6BH. You also have a right to lodge a complaint in respect of the processing of your personal data with the Information Commissioner's Office as the supervisory authority. Please see: <https://ico.org.uk/global/contact-us/>

THANK YOU FOR CONSIDERING PARTICIPATING IN THIS PROJECT